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Naval Vessels

1. [redacted] through the Kerch-Yenikale Straits and the Sea of Azov [redacted] observed nine destroyers (sic). Eight small destroyers (sic) were moored near the wharf at Kamysh-Burun. [redacted] One destroyer was at Kerch.

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2. Patrol vessel [redacted] entered Kerch [redacted]

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Navigational and Hydrographic Information

3. A Soviet cargo vessel of approximately 10,000 GRT collided with another Soviet freighter of 3,250 GRT in a fog [redacted] at N 45-54-20, E 36-51-10. The smaller vessel sank, and this location is now marked with a buoy with a green light and smaller buoys. 50X1-HUM
4. The channel running northwest to the southern entrance to the Avanport at Zhdanov has a controlling depth of nine feet. The basin of Avanport has been dredged to 23 feet. The Kanal Azovstali has a depth of 20 feet. The channel running northwest to the port of Azovstali is dredged to 15 feet.

Radar and Radio

5. A "stick-shaped" radar and a radio beacon are located at Kyz-Aul Cape (N 45-04, E 36-23).

Shipbuilding

6. The shipbuilding yard at Zhdanov is inactive. The channel depth in the Kalmius River upon which the yard is located is only 12 feet, which prevents passage of ships over 3,000 tons.
7. A floating dock is located in the Repair Basin.

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Port Facilities

8. The travelling jib cranes at Zhdanov have a base five meters high which is mounted upon four legs which are six meters in height. The jib is 15 meters long and can lift objects to a height of 30 meters. They are capable of slewing 360° and travelling 15 meters.
9. The electricity used to operate these cranes and other mechanical handling facilities is supplied by hydroelectric power from the Volga River.
10. The even distribution of coal in the hold of a ship loading this cargo is accomplished by employment of a conical device lowered into the hold. This machine is powered by a self-contained 380-volt 80-ampere motor.
11. The Coal Quay is approximately 1,400 meters in length. Seven travelling cranes of 15 ton capacity, with grab buckets, and a double-track rail line are installed along the quay. The coal piles are nearly 20 meters in height. Six tons of coal (one grab bucket load) can be loaded onto a ship in 1½ minutes. The depth alongside is 23 feet.
12. Vostochnyy Mole is constructed of a double line of piles with cement blocks between them. A great part of this mole has not yet had the concrete blocks installed.

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Air Activity

13. A very high-speed jet aircraft or guided missile was sighted over Cape Kamenny (N 45-27, E 36-53). The aircraft was flying at an altitude of 7,000 - 10,000 meters and was in sight for approximately seven minutes. It was cigar-shaped and made twin contrails 400-500 meters in length. No noise was heard from the aircraft. When first sighted it was flying on a westerly course over Kerch-Yenikale Strait and gaining altitude. It then made a long sweeping curve to the south and lost altitude gradually. It then turned to a course of 135° and, continuing to lose altitude, disappeared into some clouds. This aircraft was observed through 8 X 30 binoculars.

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Commodities and Currency Exchange

15. Foreign vessels calling at Zhdanov formerly bought provisions at half price. A new system has been put into effect by which the full price for provisions is paid.
16. An East German firm is manufacturing a camera in the USSR which is called the FED. It is capable of making 40 or 80 exposures on one roll of film. These cameras are sold for 800 rubles.

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12. Vostochny Mole is constructed of a double line of piles with cement blocks between them. A great part of this mole has not yet had the concrete blocks installed.

Air Activity

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Port Security Measures

14. Informant's vessel was carefully searched for one hour and 45 minutes when entering port on 18 May. Before Informant's vessel was allowed to sail on 20 May, another thorough search of the vessel was made by two customs officials, a physician, and a squad of soldiers.

Commodities and Currency Exchange

15. Foreign vessels calling at Zhdanov formerly bought provisions at half price in dollars or pounds sterling exchanges at the rate of four rubles to a dollar. A new system has been put into effect by which the full price for provisions is paid, but the rubles are exchanged at ten to the dollar. All rubles purchased to pay port charges are still sold at four rubles to the dollar.
16. An East German firm is manufacturing a camera in the USSR which is called the FED. It is capable of making 40 or 80 exposures on one roll of film. These cameras are sold for 800 rubles (\$80.00).

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